

In the claims:

Claim 1 cancelled.

2. (currently amended) ~~The power tool as recited in Claim 1~~A power tool with a power supply unit that can be removed on a device side for supplying electrical power, with at least one indirectly actuatable switch for switching a drive machine on and off, wherein a decoupling device for decoupling the switch and a switching means that actuates the switch at least indirectly are provided, and wherein the decoupling device (58, ~~158, 258~~) is provided for forcibly turning off the switch (14, ~~114, 214~~) when the power supply unit (32, ~~132 232~~) is removed and then the switch (~~26, 26, 226~~) is locked in an "on" position in which the switch (14, ~~114, 214~~) can be switched on during normal operation.

3. (currently amended) ~~The power tool as recited in Claim 1~~A power tool with a power supply unit that can be removed on a device side for supplying electrical power, with at least one indirectly actuatable switch for switching a drive machine on and off, wherein a decoupling device for decoupling the switch and a switching means that actuates the switch at least indirectly are provided, and wherein at least one blocking means (56, ~~156, 256~~) is provided for blocking attachment of the power supply unit (32, ~~132, 232~~) when the switching

means (26, 126, 226) are in the "on" position and the switch (14, 114, 214) is turned off.

4. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim 42, wherein the decoupling device (58, 158, 258) includes a spring element (24, 124, 224).

5. (currently amended) ~~The power tool as recited in Claim 11A~~
power tool with a power supply unit that can be removed on a device side for supplying electrical power, with at least one indirectly actuatable switch for switching a drive machine on and off, wherein a decoupling device for decoupling the switch and a switching means that actuates the switch at least indirectly are provided, and wherein an actuating device (20, 120, 220) is located between the switching means (26, 126, 226) and the switch (14, 114, 214), which includes at least a portion of the decoupling device (58, 158, 258).

6. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim 5, wherein the power supply unit (32, 132, 232) has a neck (34, 134, 234) that projects at an angle and is operatively connected with the actuating device (20, 120, 220).

7. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim 5, wherein the actuating device (20, ~~120~~, 220) includes the at least one blocking means (~~56~~, ~~156~~, 256).

8. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim 5, wherein the actuating device has (20, 220) a multi-position flexible coupling (~~52~~, 252), the spring element (24, 224) being provided for rotating a first leg (30, 230) of the actuating device (20, 220) relative to a second leg (~~22~~, 222) that actuates the switch (~~14~~, ~~114~~, 214).

9. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim 6, wherein the neck (234) has a projection (~~236~~) that is operatively connected with the actuating device (20, ~~120~~, 220).

10. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim 5, wherein the actuating device (120) has an indentation (144), the spring element (124) being provided to disengage the indentation (144) from a switch lever (118) of the switch (114).